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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7213

BILL NUMBER: HB 1347

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 14, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Chaplain Driving Personal Vehicle to Emergency.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stemler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Chaplain Emergency Lights*- The bill provides that a chaplain of a full-time police or fire department (chaplain) may display certain green and white lights (lights) on the privately owned vehicle of the chaplain while serving the duties of the department en route to scenes of emergencies. The bill requires a chaplain operating a vehicle displaying lights to obey all traffic rules.

Class C Infraction- The bill provides that a person who is not a chaplain who displays lights commits a Class C infraction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Class C Infraction*- The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Chaplain Emergency Lights*- Under the bill, a chaplain wishing to receive permission to display emergency green and white lights from their personal vehicle must receive a written permit to the effect from the municipal executive.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Class C Infraction*- If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Municipalities, trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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